

**REMARKS**

Claims 5, 8-9 and 11-23 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-4 have been canceled and claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form. In addition, new claims 18-23 have been added based on, for example, the paragraph bridging pages 17-18 of the specification.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

**I. Response to Rejection of Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are still rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Suzuura et al. (US Patent No. 6,066,404).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the reasons of record and for the following reasons.

Claims 5 and 8 recite a "carrying member" and a cleaning sheet and a cleaning layer, respectively. In the present invention, a carrying member is, for example, a semiconductor wafer, base for flat panel display (such as an LCD or PDP), or the base for a compact disc and MR head. *See* page 35, lines 1-7 of the specification. Suzuura does not disclose or suggest the use of a carrying member as recited in claims 5 and 8. Hence, Suzuura does not anticipate claims 5 and 8.

In addition, claim 9 and new claims 17-23 depend from claim 5 or 8, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as claims 5 and 8.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**II. Response to Rejection of Claims 1-5, 8, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable

over Namikawa et al. (WO 01/94036).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the reasons of record and for the following reasons.

Example 1 of the present specification uses a polypropylene film and possesses the claimed relative intensities, while Comparative Example 1 uses a polyester film and does not. In addition, Comparative Example 1 is the closest example to the present invention because the only difference between Example 1 and Comparative Example 1 is the release film. Thus, Namikawa does not necessarily possess the claimed relative intensities, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not expect Namikawa to possess the claimed relative intensities.

In addition, that the present invention provides unexpectedly superior results, as can be seen from Example and Comparative Example 1.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is patentable over Namikawa.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### **III. Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 8-9 and 11-23 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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